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James W. Rosenthal, photographer, January 2006

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| MD-1253-1 | General view looking north/northwest along the 2800 block of Belair Drive near its intersection with Spangler Lane. Belair Drive splits around a wide median between Spangler Lane and Sun Way. The portion of the road on the north side of the median is lined on both sides with historic tulip poplar trees planted along the original approach drive to the Belair Mansion. |
| MD-1253-2 | General view looking west along the 12400 block of Sussex Lane. Created to approximate the future appearance of Belair, this roadway and its houses comprised the original "housing exhibit" for sales at the Belair development. The display houses faced north across an expansive lawn, creating a three-dimensional billboard for cars traveling along Route 50. |
| MD-1253-3 | General view looking north/northeast along Bermuda Lane. Located in the Buckingham section, the four-bedroom version of The Colonial (number 12714), The Cape Cod (number 12712), and The Rancher (number 12710) captured in this photograph were part of the first group of houses completed in the development. |

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General view looking north/northwest up Winding Lane. Completed in 1966, the Whitehall section is located in the half of Belair north of Route 450. The exterior of The Rancher (number 12405) reflects the model's 1962 redesign. The renovation of garages into living space, evident in The Cape Cod (number 12409), is among the most common and pervasive changes to Belair houses.

MD-1253-5

General view looking south/southwest down Winding Lane. The Colonial (number 12407) and The Cape Cod number (12409) are also shown in the uphill view in HABS No. MD-1253-4.